

Officer of *Louisbourg*, that, as the Terms of the Capitulation were so generous, in regard to the Inhabitants, that there was no Doubt to be made of their Meeting with a like generous Treatment in *France*, and that the Petitioners would be dispatch'd to *England* without Delay.

That the Petitioners had been arriv'd above 20 Days, and that they and their Men suffer'd very severely for want of fresh Provisions; that great Numbers of them lay sick, and that the Cause, as they humbly conceiv'd, was their living on salt Provisions entirely, and drinking nothing but ropy Water that was noisom to the Smell.

That the Petitioners had been deny'd all Manner of Supplies for their Vessels, tho' never so absolutely necessary.

That, if the Petitioners had Leave to sail directly for *England*, it would be some considerable Time before they could be dispatch'd from thence.

That, as the Petitioners Return to *New England* would at best be very late in the Year, and their Voyage by Consequence very cold, comfortless, and dangerous, every Day was very valuable to them; and besides, that their being detain'd so long was very expensive.

The Petitioners therefore pray'd, that his Honour would take the Premisses and
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